

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )</b>	
<b>IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY )</b>	<b>CASE NO. IPC-E-03-13</b>
<b>TO INCREASE ITS INTERIM AND BASE )</b>	
<b>RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC )</b>	<b>ORDER NO. 29490</b>
<b>SERVICE. )</b>	

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On October 16, 2003, Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power, Company) applied to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for authority to increase its rates and charges an average of 17.7% for electric service in the State of Idaho. Pursuant to Order No. 29369 issued October 28, 2003, the proposed schedule of rates and charges was suspended for a period of thirty (30) days plus five (5) months from the effective date of November 15, 2003 (i.e., May 15, 2004). The Commission held technical hearings to receive evidence in this matter on March 29 – April 5, 2004. The parties filed post-hearing briefs and intervenor funding requests by April 26, and the public comment period ended April 30, 2004.

The issues raised in the 3,200-page record are numerous and complex. The Commission has considered its calendar and notes that other Commission-related demands prevent the complete consideration of this matter within the time frame previously established.

In a letter filed with the Commission on April 30, 2004, Idaho Power indicated its willingness to consent to a further suspension of its previously filed rate schedules until May 25, 2004. The Company agreed to this 10-day extension because it would still allow the Company sufficient time to prepare the revised rate schedules from the final Order in this case and its annual power cost adjustment in Case No. IPC-E-04-9 to effectuate a single rate adjustment on June 1, 2004.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds that good cause exists to extend the suspension period in Case No. IPC-E-03-13 from May 15, 2004 to May 25, 2004. Reference *Idaho Code* § 61-622. The additional period will enable the Commission to give the issues raised in this case the consideration and informed reflection they deserve.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has jurisdiction over Idaho Power Company, an electric utility, and its Application in Case No. IPC-E-03-13 pursuant to Idaho Code, Title 61, and the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*


The Commission has the authority under *Idaho Code* § 61-622 to suspend the rates that are the subject of the Application in this case upon a finding of good cause for an additional period of sixty (60) days from the calculated decision date of May 15, 2004.

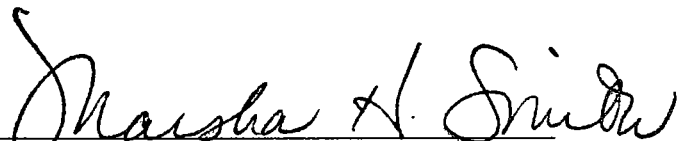
It is necessary to suspend the rates in this Application an additional ten (10) days (or until May 25, 2004) to allow the Commission sufficient time to consider and determine the issues presented in this Application.

### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the proposed schedules of rates and charges for electric service in Case No. IPC-E-03-13 should be and hereby are suspended for a further period of ten (10) days from May 15, 2004 (or until May 25, 2004), or until such earlier time as the Commission may issue an Order accepting or rejecting or modifying the Application in this matter.


DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

  
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Commission Secretary

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